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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
FORLANI

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI
FOR TWENTY MINUTES ON MORNING SEPTEMBER 30. PHOTOS WERE
TAKEN.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID HE REGRETTED THAT HIS SCHEDULE DID
NOT PERMIT A LONGER MEETING AND SUGGESTED THAT HE AND
FORLANI MEET AGAIN SOON IN ROME IF SECRETARY SHOULD BE IN
EUROPE OR PERHAPS SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER IN THE U.S.
FORLANI AGREED.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ITALIAN SITUATION, FORLANI
STRESSED GOI DETERMINATION TO FIGHT INFLATION, GET ECONOMY
MOVING AGAIN, IMPROVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND BRING RE-
FORMS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PRESENT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS
STRONG, DESPITE ITS LACK OF MAJORITY, "BECAUSE THERE IS NO
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ALTERNATIVE."

4. THE SECRETARY TOLD FORLANI THAT US WILL HAVE TO PUSH
GOI FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS. HE EMPHASIZED TO FORLANI THAT IT
WILL NEVERTHELESS BE UP TO ITALIANS TO TELL THE US WHAT THE
LIMITS OF REFORMS ARE AND TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT IS AND IS NOT
POLITICALLY TOLERABLE.
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